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Libera Università Internazionale
degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli

Second mandatory language and optional language courses

Master's Degree Program in **International Relations**

Students enrolled in the academic year 2024/2025

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Second mandatory language: languages offered

- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Italian for foreign students
- Russian
- Spanish

Second mandatory language

All language courses, regardless of the degree program, are held in the target language in order to ensure a proper learning

Second mandatory language: general rules

The Master's degree program in International Relations includes a 6-credit **second mandatory language**

In **November/December 2024** you have to enter your Web Self Service area and select the mandatory language. No changes will be possible after the period for compiling the study plan and if you do not choose your language by the deadline, you will be assigned one as a matter of course

Second mandatory language: general rules

Language courses do not have a limited number and they will be activated based on the number of choices and the level of students

In **February 2025** a **placement test** for activating and defining the language groups will be carried out

In case the chosen course was not activated, you will have to select another language among the available courses

Second mandatory language: general rules

Classes are scheduled **in presence during the week**. The length of the course changes according to the entry level: **two semesters** if you have an “entry level” below B1.1 (II semester of the first year and I semester of the second year); **one semester** if you have an “entry level” equal to or above B1.1 (II semester of the first year). No exemption is provided

At the end of the course you will sit a final **exam with a grade out of thirty** in order to get the 6 credits

Third optional language: languages offered

- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Italian for foreign students
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish

Third optional language: general rules

A **third language** course (different from the second mandatory language) is one of the options to get 4 credits to be chosen by the students for “Other Activities”

In **November/December 2024** you have to enter your Web Self Service and select the activity to earn 4 credits. No changes will be possible after the period for compiling the study plan

Third optional language: general rules

Language courses do not have a limited number and they will be activated based on the number of choices and the level of students

In **February 2025** a **placement test** for activating and defining the language groups will be carried out

In case the chosen course was not activated, you will have to opt for another language among the available courses or for “Other Activities”

Third optional language: general rules

Courses take place on **Saturday morning in presence** and they last for **two semesters**: from the II semester of the first year to the I semester of the second year. No exemption is provided

At the end of the course you will sit a pass-or-fail exam scheduled during the penultimate lecture in order to obtain the credits along with a **final language qualification** that will be granted if you can demonstrate a progression

Italian courses for foreign students

Italian language courses are **offered to foreign students** and, unlike the other language courses, they are delivered from the first semester of courses

Please note that the course is reserved to students with a foreign citizenship. If you are a native Italian speaker and you select Italian, the course will be automatically replaced with a different language

Italian courses for foreign students

If you started attending the course in September 2024 and decide to select it as your **mandatory/optional language**, in case of attendance at or above 50%, the semester already attended will be counted to determine the conclusion of the course and you will have the opportunity to obtain the credits earlier than planned

Otherwise, in case of attendance below 50% the course will restart again for one/two semesters

Lesson attendance

Attendance is important as participation is a part of students' final evaluation

For **second language courses** that require a graded exam, **attendance is mandatory**. In case of an attendance rate lower than 70%, Professors have the right to postpone the exam to the next call/session

For **third language courses** that require a pass-or-fail exam, **attendance is highly recommended**. Although there is no absence limit, students are recommended to miss **no more than three lessons** each semester

Starting from the beginning of the lessons the materials and contents of the course will be made available by teachers on the proper platform **Luiss Learn** in the section: Courses > Centro Linguistico di Ateneo

You have to **enroll** to your Luiss Learn group **autonomously** after receiving a communication from the University Language Center with the number of the assigned group

In order to complete the enrollment to the group you need to click on «Enroll me». Once registered, the assigned group will be displayed in the Luiss Learn «Dashboard»

Distance learning

Outgoing students are **exempted from the language courses**

You are invited to inform at the **host university** regarding the possibility to attend courses for the language in your study plan in order not to lose, and indeed to improve, the skills acquired

The University Language Center will verify – case by case – the conditions for a possible validation

Distance learning

As an outgoing students you must undertake **self study**, using the text book and online materials made available by teachers on **Luiss Learn** platform

On your return, as you do not have left semesters to attend, you will have to:

- sit an exam (written and oral) with a grade out of thirty in case of mandatory language
- sit a test (written and oral) to obtain the final language qualification in case of optional language

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